



7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/carers

I can't quite believe that this is my penultimate Friday letter of the academic year and contrary to what my mother regularly says to me at this time of year ('You must be easing up for the summer now, mustn't you?'), activities are continuing to come thick and fast. We welcomed 200 students into school on Thursday during year 7 Induction and despite the weather being a little soggy, it was clear by the chatter at the end of the day that the students had not had their spirits dampened. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them back through the doors in September.

At the other end of the school students also spent time this week in their 6<sup>th</sup> form Induction sessions. It was lovely to be able to see these students around site again, after their exams and I wish them a relaxing summer break. Today also marks the second day of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying expedition, following a very successful practice earlier in the term. The weather has been kind and here's hoping this continues.

### **Sports Day – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Our annual event, which usually has a significant impact on the outcome of the House championship, takes place next Tuesday. Students should wear their PE kit to school on that day.

Individual events will, as always, take place in the mornings and the whole school will be on the field in the afternoon to watch the final events. Students will place their bags in their normal extended tutor time room at 1:20pm and then make their way to the field to sit in their house areas. There will be an ice cream van on site so students may wish to bring money with them on that day.

### **Non Uniform Day – 14<sup>th</sup> July**

As reported recently in this letter the PTA continue to do a huge amount of work for the school. The final non uniform day of the year, next Friday, will raise money for the team. The suggested donation is £1 and there is the usual reminder that any clothing worn should be suitable for our school environment.

### **PTA summer draw**

Tickets for the PTA's annual summer draw are now on ParentPay. There are lots of prizes to be won including £100 cash, 32" HD TV, 4 tickets to Wookey Hole, 2 Bristol City tickets, 1 month gym membership @thegym, Simply Green Voucher, Drinks Hamper, Laser Fusion Voucher, Gin Gift Set, SUP Session for 2, Family Frisbee @ Mendip Golf, 2 adult tickets to Noah's Ark, Kitchen Products and more. Tickets are just £1 each and the draw takes place in the last week of term.

### **Music Summer Concert**

We are looking forward to presenting some fantastic musical performances at our Summer Concert on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Acts will include our amazing jazz band, choir, wind band, orchestra and string ensemble as well as lots of other wonderful individual and small group performances. The concert will run from 6pm until around 7.30pm and tickets are available via parent pay. If you have any questions please get in touch with Mr Pate at [dpate@nailseaschool.com](mailto:dpate@nailseaschool.com)



## End of term arrangements

Please find details below of the end of term arrangements:

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Celebration Day

Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 and lunch at normal times, with students who have achieved rewards being allocated time on bouncy castles at the front of school each period by year group.

At the start of extended tutor time students should leave bags in their normal rooms and report to the Sports Hall. We will finish the year with a whole school assembly where the winning House will be revealed.

Period 5 - winning House, students and staff, not in lessons on the inflatables at the front of school.

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Final day for students

Tutor time to period 3, as normal.

12:20 - 12:45 - Lunch

12:45 - Students leave for the summer

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - INSET DAY

ONLY teaching staff on site

**Finally...** as you know I was on the battlefields trip last week with a fantastic team of staff and students. It's been a long time since I was on a residential trip and I was feeling quite tired on Saturday after the return journey home! I hope the students enjoyed the experience as much as I did. Whilst we were in Belgium, another group of students were in Spain basking in 37 degree temperatures and I know that staff have really appreciated the thank you messages received following their return. On the subject of enrichment, I know that many parents have contacted me previously regarding the lack of any curriculum enrichment week at Nailsea. I am pleased to report that this will be reinstated in June 2024. This will mean the timetable will be suspended for a period and all students will have the opportunity to go on residential trips, day trips and complete activities on school site. As you can appreciate a lot of planning will be going into this week and further details will be shared in the new academic year. I am really pleased that we have been able to respond so positively to the feedback from parents and students in ensuring this important part of the school year has returned to the calendar.

Take care and Be Kind

Mrs Dee Elliott  
Head teacher